



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 23 - 194

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF MAUI AND IS COMMITTED TO AIDING IN MAUI'S RECOVERY.

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, several large wildfires started on the island of Maui, specifically in the Kula, Lāhainā, Pulehu/Kīhei, and the Pu'ukoli'i/Kā'anapali areas; and

WHEREAS, strong winds caused by the passage of Hurricane Dora to the south of the State of Hawai'i, in addition to low humidity levels and arid ground conditions, likely contributed to the Maui wildfires; and

WHEREAS, long-standing drought conditions, the build-up of combustible materials, and increasing instances of strong winds continue to threaten further wildfires on Maui; and

WHEREAS, damage assessment maps from the Maui wildfires, recently released by the Pacific Disaster Center and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, identified thousands of acres of burned land and damaged or destroyed structures, primarily residential dwellings; and

WHEREAS, additionally the wildfires have destroyed historic buildings and cultural landmarks, forced the closure of roads and schools, shut down power across the island of Maui, and left thousands of locals homeless; and

WHEREAS, none of this damage compares to the tragedy and horror of those who lost their lives or loved ones in the worst natural disaster in the history of the State of Hawai'i and the deadliest wildfire in the United States in more than a century; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu ("Council") laments the losses experienced Statewide due to the wildfires on Maui and recognizes the enormous amount of time and resources that will be required for the economic, physical, and spiritual recovery of Maui; and

WHEREAS, the Council would like to highlight the overwhelming support the people of Maui have garnered from across Hawai'i, throughout the United States, and beyond through donations of goods, financial assistance, and manual support; and



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WHEREAS, the Council would also like to applaud the courage, stalwart dedication, and aloha exemplified by first responders, emergency and medical personnel, volunteers, and the people of Maui during this crisis, showing the world the strength and resilience of the Valley Isle and its people; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that, even with continued steadfast support and dedicated recovery measures, the people of Maui face formidable challenges for the foreseeable future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu ("Council") that this body stands in solidarity with the County of Maui and the people of the Valley Isle and is committed to aiding in Maui's recovery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the City Administration to join this body in supporting Maui and its residents through whatever means are possible; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Hon. Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor of the County of Maui, the Council of the County of Maui, and Hon. Rick Blangiardi, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Watanabe

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

AUG 17 2023

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 08/17/23 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY (PS)

Title: THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF MAUI
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

08/17/23	INTRO	Introduced.
08/24/23	PS	Reported out for adoption.
		CR-256
		4 AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA
09/06/23	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.
		9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this
RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER